

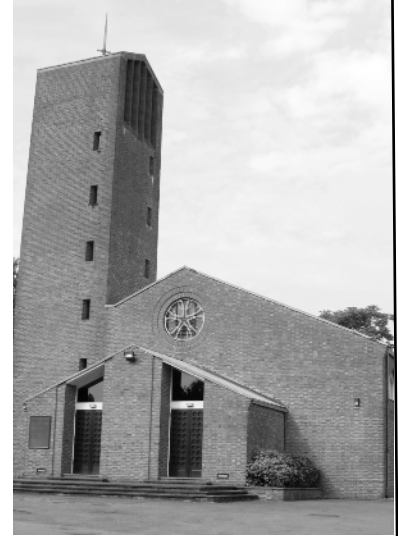
WELWYN GARDEN CITY



ST. BONAVENTURE



**OUR LADY,
QUEEN OF APOSTLES**



HOLY FAMILY

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LENT

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT There will be times of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 10.00 - 10.30am at Our Lady's, Thursday 10.00 - 10.30am at Holy Family and Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am at St. Bonaventure's.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS There will be Stations of the Cross: Wednesday 10am at Holy Family, Friday 10am at St. Bonaventure's and 7.30pm at Our Lady's. Why not come and follow the path the Lord took to the Cross, reflecting on his deep love for the world and each one of us?

EARLY MASS The next First Friday 6.30am Mass at St. Bonaventure's (followed by breakfast) will be on 7th April.

LENTEN LUNCHESES Come to Our Lady's Hall on a Saturday 12 noon - 1.30pm for a Lenten Lunch provided by the Catholic Women's League. All money raised goes to Cafod and other CWL charities. Thank you.

LENTEN ALMS Should you wish to contribute to the Cardinal's Fund which supports a variety of causes in the Diocese, there are special envelopes at the back of our churches.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE in Holy Week for our three parishes will be in Our Lady's Church on Tuesday 11th April at 8pm. Visiting priests will join Fr. Martin and Fr. Norbert to help with Confessions.

LENTEN TALK IN ST ALBANS The last one will be in St. Alban and St Stephen's Church, Beaconsfield Road AL1 3RB at 8pm on Wednesday 29th March. All are welcome. Details on poster on church noticeboards.

PALM SUNDAY Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate 9.30 Mass at Holy Family Church which will start in the car park of The Hedgehog assuming the weather is good. Our Lady's 11.30 Mass will start outside the Hall.

EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD Tradycyjne Świącenie pokarmów odbędzie się w Wielką Sobotę 15.04.17 o godzinie 16.00 w kościele Our Lady's. Serdecznie zapraszamy. The traditional blessing of the food will take place in Our Lady's Church on Holy Saturday 15.04.17 at 4pm. All are welcome.

MOTHERING SUNDAY Happy Mother's Day to each and every mother and honorary mum. God bless you!

CAFOD EAST AFRICA APPEAL If you would like to support Cafod's work in alleviating famine in Africa, please use one of the special Cafod envelopes at the back of our churches and put it into the collection basket. These will be sent on to Cafod. If you are able to GiftAid your contribution that would increase the money. Thank you.

BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES have organised a 'Mega Youth Poll'. In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you: what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. Please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

KICA MUSIC MISSION Daniel Newman-Sanders, in his final year at the John Henry Newman School, is a keen musician. This summer he is embarking on a charity trip to Uganda to teach disadvantaged children music. To raise money for this, he is doing a 60 mile bike ride around Hertfordshire. Any sponsorships would be gratefully received. www.gofundme.com/kica-music-mission-trip-to-uganda Daniel will be taking instruments with him for Ugandan children to play and keep – if anyone has any unwanted instruments please contact him on 07866005010.

MARY O'NEILL - CAFOD (Westminster) has organised a Papal Blessing for Mary in thanks for the work that she has performed in partnership with all at Holy Family CAFOD Group. This will be presented on Sunday 2nd April at 9.30 Mass.

EASTER RAFFLE Jenny Wilson a pupil at Loreto and one of our altar servers is holding an Easter Raffle after the 10.30am Mass today. She is raising money for the Shooting Star Hospice. Shooting Star is a leading children's hospice charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

CAKE SALE Aku and Emily are extremely grateful to everyone who donated money and brought a cake last Sunday. They raised over £80 for the Rainbow Trust. Thank you for your generosity.

NANCY HOGAN RIP Nancy's Funeral Mass will be at Our Lady's on Friday 7th April at 12.30pm. Her body will be received into the church on Thursday 6th at 6pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The next parents' session will be on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Church.

RCIA The next session will be this Monday at 7.30pm in the sacristy of Our Lady's Church.

HOLY FAMILY'S 50TH The next meeting to continue the planning for 7th May will be in the Parish Room at Holy Family Church on Wednesday 5th April at 6.30pm. All welcome.

FRENCH VISITORS Fr. Cedric de la Serre and Deacon Victor Vincelot both from the Diocese of Nanterre on the west side of Paris will be with us from Monday 3rd until Friday 7th April.

GHANAIAN CHAPLAINCY The Ghanaian Mass for today (Sunday) at Our Lady's has been postponed. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

TRANSPORT TO MASS Volunteer drivers are needed to bring people to Mass. If you have one spare seat in your car and you come to Mass on a Sunday or weekday and are willing to give a person a ride please consider joining up as a volunteer driver. You need to have a full driving licence, insurance and a willingness to help. The Diocese also requires drivers to obtain a DBS check which will be done through the parish on your behalf.

There will be flexibility in terms of commitment, it is not expected that drivers would be required every week or for the same church / Mass each time. This scheme will not impinge on any private arrangements anybody has. There are forms to complete for driver details and members of the project team will be at the back of the church to answer any questions.

Also, do you know of people who might like a lift to Mass? If so, please take a form, have them fill it in and return it to church. Thank you.

also would the gentleman who handed in a transport (driver) slip after 8am Mass please contact Janet Lewis on 01707 326456.

HOLY FAMILY Church is looking for more Eucharistic Ministers at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. If you are already a minister and are willing to be added to the Eucharistic Minister rota then please contact Spencer White. If you are not a minister but are considering this wonderful ministry then please also speak to Spencer or any of the other Eucharistic Ministers. Spencer can be contacted at: spencer.white4@gmail.com or on 07425137469

YOU ARE INVITED to a **Croatian meal and an evening of Croatian culture** on **Saturday 1st April 2017** starting at 7pm at the Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway, AL8 6JG

Organised by young people of the Focolare Movement who are raising funds to go to the International Workshop Hombremundo in Croatia this summer. There will be a presentation about the project during the evening. Suggested contribution for the evening from £10.00. More info from 01707 339706.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE Saturday 20th May. We will be joining the National Deaf Pilgrimage to this Shrine of Our Lady. The coach will leave from Our Lady's at 8.30am. The programme for the day will include the Rosary, walking the Holy Mile, picnic lunch (so bring food and drink!) and Mass. There should be time for tea and cakes before leaving at 4.30pm. The coach should arrive back by 7pm. Price £15 for adults and £10 for children.

HOLY LAND Sat 27th May - Sunday 4th June, 2017 There are 6 places max left. Contact Pax Travel for more details on 020 7485 3003 or info@paxtravel.co.uk The Fatima Pilgrimage in September is now fully booked.

OUR LADY'S: Thank you to the Monday Bingo Group for their donation of £100 to refurbishment of the church benches. It is much appreciated.

OUR LADY'S The monthly cleaning of Our Lady's Church and maintenance of the grounds will take place next **Saturday 1st April** at 10am for ONE hour. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. All are welcome to come along. Can you come and help?

NEWSLETTER The newsletter on Palm Sunday (9th April) will cover the weekends 8th/9th, 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd April. If you have an item for this period, please send it in to Kathryn Hubbard by Wednesday 5th April.

EMILY AND BETH two of our young parishioners (in Year 4 at Holy Family School) are representing the UK in a World Robotics final in America and need to raise the funds to get there. If you would like to know more or sponsor them go to: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/WGCmicrobots?utm_id=60&utm_term=jmgde3X2e <https://twitter.com/WGCmicrobots> Thank you.

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OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE Bookings
 should be made with Phil Johnson 01707
 377442

Website for our 3 parishes
www.wgc-catholics.org.uk

CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE This Diocesan Agency is seeking to recruit volunteers to be involved in social action. For more information pick up one of the leaflets at the back of our churches or email Verity Sykes on caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS The Diocese is always looking for volunteers to take on the role of being a foundation governor in our Catholic schools. Indeed here in Welwyn Garden City we need more. If you are interested take one of the leaflets at the back of the church and let Fr. Norbert know if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S There will be an Easter Workshop for children on Tuesday 11th April from 2 - 4pm. Come and help plant our outdoor Easter Garden, make your own garden, make some Easter things, join in an Easter egg hunt, prepare for our Way of the Cross, have a 'Happy Easter Tea' (bring and share) and listen to an Easter story. We ask for a donation of £2 per child to cover some of our costs.

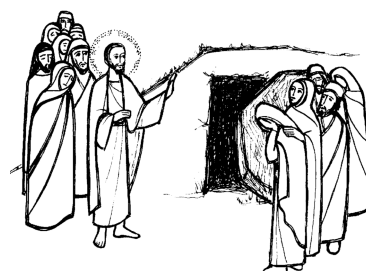
CONFESSIONS Holy Family:	Thursday 10am
St. Bonaventure:	Saturday 10.30am - 11am
Our Lady's:	Saturday 5pm -5.30pm.

MASS TIMES

27 Monday	9.30am	Mass	Our Lady's	Lent feria
28 Tuesday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
29 Wednesday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Lent feria
30 Thursday	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family	Lent feria
31 Friday	9.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria
	7pm	Mass	Our Lady's	
01 Saturday	10am	Mass	St. Bonaventure	Lent feria

Fifth Sunday of Lent

01 Saturday	6pm	Mass	Our Lady's
02 Sunday	8am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	9.30am	Mass	Holy Family
	10.30am	Mass	St. Bonaventure
	11.30am	Mass	Our Lady's
	6pm	Mass	Holy Family



CHAPLAIN TO THE Q.E.II AND LISTER HOSPITALS: If you are going into hospital and need a Catholic Chaplain contact Rev. Anthony Curran (Deacon) **Office Tel: 01438 285138 (24/7)**
Urgent need: 01438 314 333 via text message: 07876 526935 email: chaplaincy.enh-tr@nhs.net